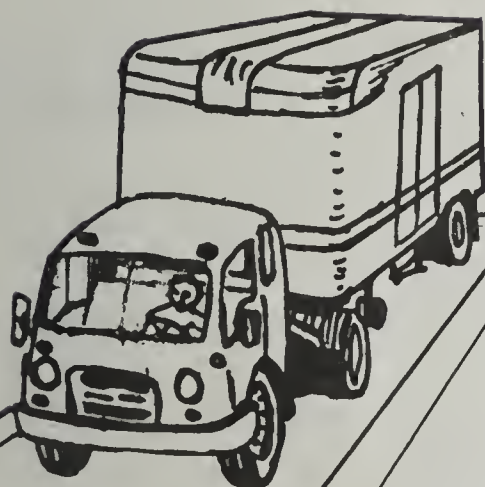


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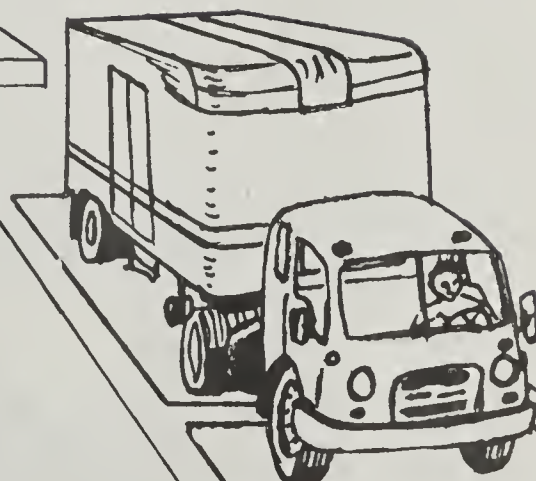
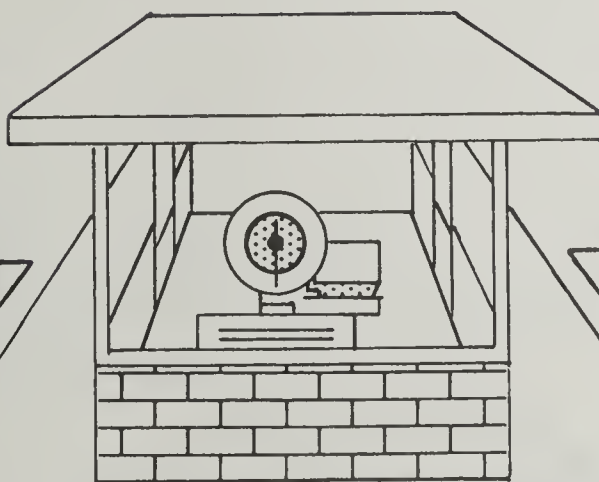
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HOUSEHOLDERS' GUIDE to ACCURATE WEIGHTS



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The Interstate Commerce Commission regulates interstate motor carriers of household goods and has adopted strict regulations governing their operations and services in the public interest. These regulations, to be completely effective, must be backed up by the individual efforts and involvement of the householder whose prized possessions are being moved. The householder is, therefore, entitled to be fully informed as to his rights and the mover's obligations, and to be aware of certain precautions which he can and should take to protect his interests more fully. This Advisory is offered in the spirit of partnership between the Commission as regulator of the transportation industry and you, the householder, to assure that fairness prevails in the movement of your household goods.


GEORGE M. STAFFORD
Chairman

Revised March 1972

This Advisory supplements BOp 103,
"Summary of Information for Shippers of
Household Goods."

MOVING BY THE POUND

The major cost of any household move depends on the **WEIGHT OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND THE DISTANCE THEY ARE TO BE MOVED**. This Advisory is issued to stress to you, the householder, the importance of seeing to it that accurate weights are obtained on your shipment of household goods.

If all your household goods weigh 8,000 pounds and the tariff rate for transportation charges is \$12 per hundred pounds, the total transportation charge (excluding extras) will be \$960. A 10 percent increase, through error or falsification, in the weight of this 8,000 pound shipment **COULD COST YOU AN ADDITIONAL \$96**.

PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS first by going to the scale to observe the weighing of the vehicle with your shipment on board, and then by checking the information supplied you by the driver. In this Advisory we hope to explain what you will see at the weighing and give you some idea of what the papers necessary to an interstate move will look like.

If you are one of the million Americans planning to move this year, **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND EXERCISE THEM**.

The Scale

Vehicles must be weighed by a certified weighmaster or on a certified scale as shown on the cover of this Advisory. The entire moving van can be weighed at one time on a large platform scale, or at one time on a scale with two or more platforms. **GO TO THE SCALE AND OBSERVE THE WEIGHING OF THE VAN LOADED WITH YOUR SHIPMENT**.

Determining the Weight

THE WEIGHT OF YOUR SHIPMENT USUALLY IS DETERMINED BY WEIGHING THE MOVING VAN BEFORE AND AFTER LOADING YOUR SHIPMENT, and the difference or net weight is the weight on which you pay charges.

The mover must notify you in advance of the location of the scale to be used in weighing your shipment. He is obligated to use a scale which will permit you to observe the weighing. Our regulations afford reasonable protection from inaccurate weighing of the vehicle prior to the loading of your shipment. **YOU MUST PROTECT YOURSELF FROM OVERCHARGE BY GOING TO THE SCALE AND OBSERVING THE WEIGHING OF THE VEHICLE LOADED WITH YOUR SHIPMENT**.

What Should be Weighed

The moving van should initially be weighed with the driver, but without the crew thereon, by a certified weighmaster or on a certified scale. When weighed the fuel tanks on the vehicle must be full and the vehicle must contain all pads, chains, dollies, hand trucks, and other equipment needed in the transportation of shipments loaded or to be loaded on that vehicle. THE VEHICLE WITH YOUR SHIPMENT MUST AGAIN BE WEIGHED AFTER LOADING. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO YOU FOR THIS WEIGHING.

Other Shipments on the Van

You should be aware that one or more shipments may be on board the van prior to loading your shipment. The weight of the vehicle before and after loading your shipment thus will reflect the weights of those shipments but YOU MAY ONLY BE LEGALLY CHARGED FOR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO WEIGHTS and you will not be paying charges for the weight of the household goods of someone else.

Tipping the Scale

PERSONS (OTHER THAN THE DRIVER) ON BOARD THE VEHICLE WHILE IT IS WEIGHED IS ONE METHOD OF ILLEGALLY INCREASING WEIGHTS. If, for example, four persons are on board in addition to the driver, the weight of your shipment would have been unlawfully increased or "bumped" 600 to 800 pounds and this would cost you. Instead of unauthorized persons on the vehicle some other means could be used to bump the weight, such as placing a horse or concrete blocks on the vehicle during the weighing process. Don't laugh! This has happened.

CHECKING THE WEIGHT RECORDS

The mover must furnish you true copies of two weight tickets. One will show THE WEIGHT OF THE VEHICLE BEFORE LOADING your shipment, and the other will show THE WEIGHT OF THE VEHICLE AFTER LOADING your shipment. The mover is forbidden by our regulations to make any additions or alterations on these weight tickets. THE WEIGHT TICKETS GIVEN YOU MUST CONTAIN THE SAME WEIGHT SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TICKETS ISSUED BY THE WEIGHMASTER, AND THE BILL OF LADING NUMBER FOR YOUR SHIPMENT.

CERTIFIED WEIGHMASTER WEIGHT TICKET

Date <u>12-17-70</u>	Carrier <u>Main Street Moving Co.</u>	B/L No. <u>032</u>
Lbs. Gross	Owner of Scales:	
<u>38,700</u>	<u>Municipal Scales</u>	
Lbs. Tare	Location of Scales:	
	<u>Louisville, Ky.</u>	
Lbs. Net		
<u>John Weighmaster</u> Certified Public Weighmaster		

CERTIFIED SCALE WEIGHT TICKET

Lbs. Gross	Billing of Loading No. <u>032</u>
<u>38,700</u> lbs. Tare	
lbs. Net	<u>A. Driver</u>
	Signature

Weight before loading

<u>42,500</u> lbs. Gross	Bill of Loading No. <u>032</u>
<u>38,700</u> lbs. Tare	
<u>3,800</u> lbs. Net	<u>A. Driver</u>
	Signature

Weight after loading

Weight of your shipment

Bill of Lading Number for your shipment

Date <u>12-17-70</u>	Carrier <u>Main Street Moving Co.</u>	B/L No. <u>032</u>
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The Bill of Lading

The mover will issue to you a bill of lading at time of pickup of shipment. The bill of lading is the contract of transportation between the householder and the mover. ICC REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT THE BILL OF LADING SHOW TARE (PRELOADING) WEIGHT OF THE VEHICLE.

Check the weights shown on the Weight Tickets against the bill of lading issued to you. Compare the bill of lading number with that on the weight ticket.

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ADDRESS <u>10 Elm St.</u>		CONSIGNEE TO <u>Charles White</u>																
FLOOR _____ ELEV. _____ TEL. <u>744-4782</u>		ADDRESS <u>63 Fargo Lane</u>																
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		CARTAGE TO OR FROM WAREHOUSE _____ MILES																

The Vehicle-Load Manifest

Each van driver is required to carry a Vehicle-Load Manifest on which entries are made respecting each shipment transported in the vehicle. YOU ARE ENTITLED TO SEE THE RECORD OF ENTRIES ON THE VEHICLE-LOAD MANIFEST.

TO CHECK THE ACCURACY OF RECORDS RESPECTING THE SHIPMENT YOU ARE PAYING FOR, CHECK THE WEIGHT TICKETS AGAINST YOUR COPY OF THE BILL

OF LADING. CHECK THE WEIGHT INFORMATION AND BILL OF LADING NUMBER AND ENTRIES AGAINST THE DRIVER'S LOAD-MANIFEST. INSIST THAT ANY INACCURACIES BE CORRECTED ON THE SPOT. REPORT ANY DIFFICULTIES TO THE BUREAU OF OPERATIONS, INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20423.

You are entitled to check the vehicle-load manifest to see that entries correspond with the weight tickets and the bill of lading given to you. The gross weight shown on the manifest prior to loading your shipment IS subtracted from the gross weight after such loading to obtain the net weight of your shipment.

VEHICLE-LOAD MANIFEST

Name of carrier Main St. Moving Co. ICC No. MC- 300000 Manifest No. 37

Instructions

1. This vehicle-load manifest shall be carried in the vehicle transporting the shipments entered hereon, and shall be displayed upon request of the owner of the goods, the party paying the carrier's charges, or the representative of either of them, on any shipment entered hereon.
2. Enter the name of the carrier and the information required in the Vehicle Identification section of this manifest. Whenever a combination of vehicles is used, enter the required information on both the tractor and trailer and enter the sum of the weights on the line marked "Total Tare Weight." Whenever a tractor-trailer combination is changed, a new manifest is required.
3. In Part A of this manifest, using a separate line for each shipment, the required information should be entered on all undelivered shipments recorded in Part C of the next preceding manifest for the same vehicle or combination of vehicles.
4. Using a separate line for each shipment, enter the information required in Part B of this manifest. Make all entries in the same order in which the shipments are picked up. Enter the number of this manifest on each receipt or bill of lading issued on each shipment picked up and loaded on the vehicle identified hereon. Entries are required for ALL shipments, including intrastate shipments loaded on the vehicle identified hereon. Whenever constructive weights are used, enter the word "None" in the column marked Scale Location.
5. When an entry has been made on the last line in Part B of this manifest, the information required in Part C of this manifest and Part A of the next succeeding manifest must be entered for each undelivered shipment, using a separate line for each shipment, and this manifest must be delivered by the driver to the carrier and must be maintained by the carrier as a part of the record of the shipments entered hereon.

Vehicle Identification

Tractor No. 401 Weight * 10,000
 Trailer No. 512 Weight ** 8,000
 Total Tare Weight 18,000
 Truck No. _____ Weight * _____

*Including driver, all equipment, and all fuel tanks full.
 **Including all equipment.

WARNING - Driver's signature hereon shall be a certification by him that the entries made are true and correct. Any motor carrier, or other person, or any officer, agent, employee, or representative thereof, who shall knowingly and willfully neglect or fail to make full, true, and correct entries or who shall knowingly and willfully falsify, destroy, mutilate, or alter this vehicle-load manifest shall be subject to a penalty of \$5,000 for each such offense. (Sec. 222; 49 U.S.C. 322).

Receipt/Bill of lading number	Pickup date	Name of shipper	Origin	Destination	Tare weight	Scale location	Gross weight	Scale location	Net weight of shipment	Date delivered	Driver's signature
024	12-10-70	James Smith	Lex, Va.	St. Louis, Mo	28,000	Wichita, Mo	34,000	Lex, Va	6,000		A. Driver
027	12-12-70	Lisa Jones	Rich, Va	St. Louis, Mo	30,000	Rich, Va	36,000	Rich, Va	6,000		A. Driver
029	12-14-70	Walter Brown	Charlottesville, Ky	Lex, Ky	24,000	Lex, Ky	28,000	Charlottesville, Ky	4,000	12-15-70	A. Driver

030	12-15-70	Robert Black	Lex, Ky	St. Louis, Mo	29,300	Wichita, Mo	33,200	Lex, Ky	3,900		A. Driver
031	12-16-70	Marie Harris	Lex, Ky	Wichita, Mo	33,200	Lex, Ky	38,700	Lex, Ky	5,500		A. Driver
032	12-17-70	Chas. White	Lexington, Ky	Lexington, Ky	38,700	Lex, Ky	42,500	Lexington, Ky	3,800		A. Driver



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REWEIGHING

Upon your timely request the mover is required to weigh the vehicle before and after delivery of your shipment at destination. You may also observe the reweighing, that is the weighing of the truck with your shipment, and the weighing of the truck without your shipment. The lower of the two shipment weights, either the initial weighing or the reweighing, must be used for determining the transportation charges you pay. You are not required to pay for the reweighing if (1) the reweigh net weight is more than 120 pounds *below* the billed net weight, or (2) the billed net weight exceeds by *25 percent or more* the estimated net weight, *otherwise you must pay the established tariff charge for the reweighing.*

CONSTRUCTIVE WEIGHTS

When a certified scale is not available at origin, or at any point enroute or at destination, a constructive weight, based upon seven pounds per cubic foot of properly loaded van space, may be used. The mover is required to report to the Commission all instances in which constructive weights are so used. We ask that **YOU ALSO REPORT THE USE OF CONSTRUCTIVE WEIGHTS** to the Bureau of Operations, Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D.C. 20423.

CONCLUSION

Every time an interested householder takes the trouble to protect his interests first by going to the scale to observe the weighing of his shipment, and then by checking the information supplied him by the driver, he assures himself of proper weights and charges on his shipment. Also, he provides our field staff and company management with an effective tool by which the weights of previously and subsequently loaded shipments on that moving van also can be checked, and as a taxpayer he reduces the overall cost of effective regulation. **REMEMBER, NO REGULATORY AGENCY CAN CORRECT ABUSES WITHIN INDUSTRY WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC.**